Name of State Electricity Boards	As on 30-6-1987
Durgapur Project Ltd.	2,343
Damodar Valley Corporation	6,423
Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking	3,561
Badarpur Thermal Power Station	9,071
National Thermal Power Corporation	4,890
Calcutta Electric Supply Co.	173
Ahmedabad Electric Co.	710
Others	23
TOTAL :	27,194
GRAND TOTAL :	77,127

(c) The following steps are being taken to realise coal sales outstanding from the State Electricity Boards:

(i) Regular follow up action is being taken by Coal Companies and Coal India to realise outstanding dues from various Electricity Boards|Power stations.

(ii) State Electricity Boards have been raising disputes regarding coal supply bills and with holding payments of the disputed amounts. They have been advised to settle disputes through arbitration and open letters of credit.

(iii) Central Government have decided that 80 per cent of the undisputed overdues pending for over 3 months will be recovered in six equal monthly instalments from the Central assistance to be released to the concerned State Government from May, 1987 onwards.

(iv) Department of Coal has also been taking up with State Governments to clear their dues expeditiously.

Safety measures in chemical industries

1531. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any follow-up action has been taken by Government for improvement of safety measures and devices in chemical, petrochemical and pharmaceutical units in pursuance of the report of the Inter-Ministerial Group; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Expert Group included identification and notification of hazardous subsances and installations, safety policy of management, identification of potential disaster areas in the country, training and improvemment of technical capabilities of operating personnel and regulatory authorities, creation of a nodal agency. etc. After the submission of the report by the Expert Group, it has been circulated to all the State Governments and the concerned Ministries|Departments of Central Government for taking immediate follow-up action. Copies of the report have also been made available to the concerned industry associations. Subsequently the Department has convened two meetings : (i) meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group to discuss the action arising out of various recommendations; and (ii) meeting with concerned industry associations, Central Government Departments and some State Governments. The concerned industry association has widely circulated the report amongst its members.

The progress made in implementing the recommendations is reviewed by the Department from time to time. As a follow-up action a separate Group has also been constituted to consider the need for fiscal benefits for encouraging investments in safety.